

Glenn E. Martin - Founder and President, JustLeadershipUSA

Glenn E. Martin is the founder and President of JustLeadershipUSA and founder of the #CLOSErikers campaign. His goal is to amplify the voices of the people most impacted by mass incarceration to position them as leaders in criminal justice reform. Glenn speaks from personal experience, having spent six years incarcerated in a New York State prison in the early 1990s. That experience informs his career and the advocacy for which he has earned several honors, including the 2016 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award and the 2014 Echoing Green Black Male Achievement Fellowship.

Prior to founding JLUSA, he was the Vice President of The Fortune Society, one of the most respected reentry organizations in the country; the Co-Director of the National HIRE Network at the Legal Action Center; and a Co-Founder of the Education from the Inside Out Coalition. His advocacy has been profiled by national publications and has garnered support from notable activists and public figures, including John Legend, Piper Kerman, and Kerry Kennedy.